

a recording area setting part which divides a storage medium into predetermined recording areas;

an error detecting part which detects an error in said track following information; and

a control part which controls said information storage device, wherein, when said error detecting part detects an error in said track following information while setting recording areas by said recording area setting part, interrupt processing is performed in which recording areas spanning from a recording area including said track following information having said error to a recording area including next track following information are replaced by other recording areas and recording area setting is restarted.

6. (Amended) A defect information management method in an information storage device which stores information in recording areas generated by dividing a track, wherein track following information is configured such that a head follows the track according to the track following information, said defect information management method comprising:

a recording area setting step for dividing a storage medium into predetermined recording areas;

an error detecting step for detecting an error in said track following information; and